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(b) The particulars asked for are given below seriatim:—

(1) Mr. B. C. Savage.

(2) Illicit tarnsport of three bottles of whisky.

(3) Sub-section 1 (a) of section 4.

(4) A fine of Rs. 500 (five hundred rupees).

(5) & (6) There was no appeal against the punishment.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—REPORT OF THE ESTATES LAND ACT COMMITTEE.

* The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM:—" Sir, with your permission and the permission of the Hon. the Leader of the House, I present the Report of the Estates Land Act Committee which was constituted by this House on the 10th September 1937. I would request you to fix the 27th January 1939 for the consideration of this subject in this House."

Mr. PRESIDENT:—" I fix the 27th January 1939 as the date for the discussion of the Report of the Estates Land Act Committee."

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE REMOVAL OF CIVIL DISABILITIES BILL (L.A. BILL NO. 9 OF 1937) AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

* The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Bill* [a] *to provide for the removal of civil disabilities among certain classes of Hindus* (*L.A. Bill No.* 9 *of* 1937) *as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

" It is unnecessary for me to go into any detail with regard to this Bill that has come before this House. This Bill was originally introduced in the Central Assembly in the year 1936 when Mr. Rajah was a member of that Assembly. It was circulated for opinion all over the country on a reference made by the Government of India and a large volume of opinion was collected. But, on account of the exigencies of political situation in the country, the sponsor of the Bill was not able to continue the further progress of the measure in the Central Assembly. Meanwhile, the present Government of India Act has come in by which power is given to the Local Governments to tackle the question. So, this Bill was introduced in the Madras Legislative Assembly during March this year.

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a Printed as Appendix X on pages 86–87 infra.